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VIA ECF

Honorable J. Paul Oetken
United States District Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
40 Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

Re: *United States v. Middendorf, et al.*
No. 18-cr-00036 (JPO)
Request for Return of Passport

Dear Judge Oetken:

On behalf of our client, Thomas Whittle, we respectfully request that the Court order the release of Mr. Whittle's passport by the United States Pretrial Services Office. On December 2, 2020, Mr. Whittle was sentenced to time served, two years of supervised release, and restitution to be ordered at a later date. He is complying with the terms of his supervised release. Assistant United States Attorney Rebecca Mermelstein has informed us that the government does not object to this request.

Sincerely,

/s/ Nola B. Heller
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Counsel for Thomas Whittle

cc: All counsel of record (via ECF)

Robert Trail, Deputy Chief, United States Pretrial Services Office for the Southern District of New York (via email)